# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

# FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 3132-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: HB 1240

Subject: Agriculture and Animals; Agriculture Dept.; Business and Commerce

<u>Type</u>: Original

<u>Date</u>: January 10, 2002

# **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS							
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005				
General Revenue	\$0	(\$20,000)	(\$20,000)				
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	(\$20,000)	(\$20,000)				

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS						
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0			

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS						
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005			
<b>Local Government</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0			

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of Administration-Division of Budget and Planning** assume there would not be additional costs or savings to their agency from this proposal. They note this proposal would result in a minimal decrease to total state revenue.

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture** (AGR) assume that the elimination of the \$5.00 licensing fees will decrease general revenue by approximately \$21,000 per year. AGR's assumptions on the reduction of general revenue were based on the FY02 licensing period which indicated 256 dealers and 3,947 retailers paid \$5.00 licensing fees. Additionally, the elimination of the license fees will result in the reduction of postage fees and printing costs to general revenue estimated at \$1,000. The estimated net effect on the General Revenue Fund is a loss of \$20,000 in Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005. There is no fiscal impact reflected for Fiscal Year 2003. License fees are due on July 1 for the upcoming licensing year; therefore, essentially all fees for FY03 would be paid before this legislation becomes effective on August 28, 2002.

	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
Estimated Net Effect on GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$20,000)</u>	<u>(\$20,000)</u>
<u>Loss</u> - Department of Agriculture Licensing Fees	<u>\$0</u>	(\$21,000)	(\$21,000)
Savings - Department of Agriculture Expense and Equipment	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
FISCAL IMPACT - State Government  GENERAL REVENUE FUND	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005

# **Long-Range Implications**

AGR noted that the elimination of the licensing requirements will make it difficult to monitor businesses for egg quality at the retail level. Currently, all new businesses are required to obtain

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an egg license making the department aware of their business activity.

# FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses affected by this proposal would no longer have to pay these license fees and would expect a decrease in paperwork.

# **DESCRIPTION**

This proposal removes the annual \$5 license fee for egg retailers and the annual \$5 license fee for egg dealers selling 25 or fewer cases of eggs (30 dozen per case) in any one week.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

# **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Office of Administration-Division of Budget and Planning Department of Agriculture

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